Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Caroline County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

November 21, 2008 to December 11, 2008

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Army Garrison at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County proposes to construct, operate and maintain an Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC). The IPBC would be used to train and test infantry platoons, either mounted or dismounted, on the skills necessary to conduct tactical movement techniques, and detect, identify, engage, and defeat stationary and moving infantry and armor targets in a tactical array. The IPBC would be constructed on a 642-acre site and consist of two 800-square foot buildings, a dry-vaulted latrine facility, an ammo breakdown area, a range tower, enclosed bleachers, and a covered mess facility. Supporting facilities would include security fencing and gates, electric service, transformers and lighting, gravel-surfaced maintenance roads and tank trails, parking, and drainage ditches. Range facilities would include electronic targets, helicopter landing zones and an assault house.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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